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I am completely opposed to this so-called settlement which imposes no penalties for Microsoft's monopolistic actions and has so many pro-Microsoft loopholes that it would allow the company to continue with any behavior it chooses. The DOJ is acting as if it lost the case and must accept Microsoft's term. Instead, it of course won the case in court and on appeal in every respect. Microsoft should be actually punished for their past behavior and put under severe and enforceable oversight in the future. Any restriction must be quickly enforceable rather than what has happened in the past such as this case, where they tie things up in court for years as they further expand their illegal monopoly as they have with Windows XP and their new software licensing scheme. The current agreement does nothing of any significance, it is actually worse than nothing as it fails to punish and allows Microsoft to continue business as usual. Remember, YOU WON.

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